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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6198**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 64**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 25, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 24, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Study Committees.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Merritt

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Murphy

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the Library and Heritage Study Committee to study and evaluate the creation of a department of the state library and heritage. It establishes the State House Museum Committee to study and evaluate the creation of a state house museum, visitor's center and gift shop. The bill requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to study the feasibility of renovating the first floor of the State House to accommodate a museum, visitor's center, and gift shop.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill establishes the Library and Heritage Study Committee. The study committee must obtain input from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Budget Agency (SBA), the State Library, the Commission on Public Records, the DOA, the Historical Bureau, and any other agency that has a heritage-related function. The committee must operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Members of the committee are not specified, but if the committee consists of fewer than 16 members, it would likely have a budget of \$8,000. If more than 16 members, the budget would likely be \$15,000.

The DOA must study and evaluate the feasibility of constructing a State House museum, visitor's center, and gift shop within the State House. The DOA must submit a final report of the results of its study to the Legislative Council before October 1, 2005. The report must be in an electronic format. This provision will increase DOA expenses. Specific expenses will depend on the nature and extent of the study and whether the DOA contracts for the study or conducts the study in-house.

The bill establishes the State House Museum Committee. Among other provisions, the committee must recommend which state agency or agencies should be responsible for the museum, the visitor's center, and the gift shop. The committee consists of eight legislative members. The committee must submit a report in an

electronic format to the Legislative Council before November 1, 2005. The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) must provide staff support to the committee. The committee would be subject to a budget of \$8,000. LSA should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its existing budget.

All funds necessary to carry out the above provisions must be paid from state General Fund appropriations made to the Legislative Council and LSA.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** LSA, DOA, DNR, SBA, the State Library, the Commission on Public Records, the Historical Bureau, and any other agency that has a heritage-related function; Legislative Council.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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